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UNION DEFENCE MEETING
At Bryan Hall,
ON SATURDAY AUGUST 24, AT 7-12 P. M.

The Union Defence Committee, mindful of the present condition of the country and of the necessity which exists for prompt and decisive action on the part of the Government in the suppression of the rebellion against the laws and Constitution, deem it their duty to call a meeting of the loyal citizens of Chicago, to aid the Government so far as it is in their power to do, by providing for the organization and complete equipment of military companies among our citizens, raising and promoting the martial ardor of our people, and providing means to assist the families of volunteers entering the service until they receive pay from the Government.

We feel every citizen sally to the call, forgetful of obsolete party organizations and issues, and remembering only that the guns which are fired upon Fort Sumter dissolved all such organizations and resolved the loyal people of the Nation into one body for the defence and perpetuation of the Union and the Constitution. No other party now exists except that of traitors and their abettors.

GEORGE MANIERRE,
R. M. HOUGH,
ELIPHALET WOOD,
Of Union Defence Committee.

THE WAR MEETING—MR. CAM-
The War Meeting to-night, called by the Union Defence Committee, will unquestionably be fully attended. We hear nothing of the intentions of those at whose request the people will assemble, nor do we know anything of the programme. From the temper of the people, and the loud complaints that are everywhere heard of the management and inefficiency of the War Department, we take it for granted that the occasion will not be allowed to pass without testing the feeling of the people of this city by the introduction of a resolution asking the President to confide military affairs of the country to new men. It is not ours to advise, but we shall suggest that if such a resolution is offered, all charges of dishonesty and incompetency should be excluded and that the grounds of the public impatience with Mr. Cameron should be stated—want of confidence. Of course the reasons for such want of confidence will be kept behind its expression; but there are so multiform in the minds of different men that they could not be all set forth in a single resolution; and then due to the man that he should not be doomed upon specific charges without opportunity to be heard in his own defence. It is sufficient to know, what in the West is emphatically true, that he does not satisfy public expectation, and that as he remains at the head of the military administration, the enlistment of men greatly impeded, and the faith of the people in a speedy conclusion of hostilities shaken—two reasons that time will only overcome, and that are ample to justify his withdrawal from his place.

RUSSELL AGAIN.
Mr. Owen Lovejoy, and Hon. E. B. Washburne, both of whom were at the battle of Bull Run, were in town yesterday and from them we get additional information in relation to the absurdity of Mr. Russell's account of the retreat. Mr. Washburne arrived at Fairfax Court House direct from Centreville, three hours after Mr. Russell passed, and even then not a few soldiers had made their appearance there, and they were soldiers who in some way had missed the New Jersey regiment that led the broken columns back. Mr. Lovejoy arrived in Washington about 4 o'clock on Monday morning, bringing in about a dozen wounded soldiers in an ambulance; and he reports that at that hour not two hundred men out of all the regiments that Mr. Russell imagined he heard in his rear had arrived. He further says that though Col. Hunter's column, and on the road when the retreat towards Centreville commenced, he did not see a soldier on the side run—not one. He had given his horse to an aid of Gen. Tyler, and proceeded to Centreville on foot, and in the course of hundreds of men who had got separated from their regiments; but though he spoke to rally and form for want of officers, the soldiers came off at a rapid pace, all the while pressing to do their best for defence if pursued. Yet they were not. Yet Mr. Russell was 3 miles from Centreville, at 7.15, and by these men, in his rear, and the "roar of the flight" was so great that it overpowered or made uncertain to his ears the sound of the guns. Mr. Russell's sense of hearing is as remarkable as his power of description.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS.
A letter to the New-York *Times* from the City of Mexico, gives some very important news. It announces that England, France, and Spain have simultaneously broken off their relations with the Mexican Government, and withdrawn their Ministers from the ground that the Government of Mexico, in its financial extremity, suspended for two years payment of the interest on the public debt. American extremity furnishes a European opportunity for interference in Mexico, in defiance of the Monroe doctrine. The object of these Powers, it is believed, is to establish a *Protectorate* over that unhappy country without asking the cession of the United States. Taking advantage of the domestic troubles in the United States Republic, England, France and Spain grasp Mexico by the throat and demand payment of their claims—fair and honest—under the penalty of seizing their ports and perhaps taking possession of the country. It is in vain that the Constitutional Government represent that the country has just emerged from a civil war, that has prostrated its industry, depleted the treasury, and dried up the resources of revenue. It is in vain that that Government begged for time to establish order and put the wheels of industry, trade and commerce in motion, and obtain wherewith to liquidate their debts. The answer is, "money or your life" in genuine highwayman style. If these reports shall prove true, we will shortly have another complication on our hands. These powers will not be allowed to carry things with a high hand without resistance. One or two days Uncle Sam will have his own troubles settled and then the European usurpations on this Continent will have up for adjustment.

It will be recollected that John C. Breckinridge, during the extra session of Congress, presented a peace petition purporting to come from Niagara Falls, and fully signed. It was ascertained that the petition was got up in Canada, and that not a man or boy of the whole lot could be found who signed it. The whole affair has never since been heard of, and has not a place in the country that we can find.

WESTERN MILITARY NEWS.
THE NEW WISCONSIN REGIMENTS.

The 8th regiment, Colonel Joseph Van Dorn, now in camp at Madison, is nearly full and will be ready to move in a few days. W. W. Robinson of Sparta, who commanded an Ohio company in the Mexican War, has been appointed Lieutenant Colonel; and Henry P. Clinton of Brodhead, Quartermaster.

The 8th will be put into camp September 1st, and the officers named for it are: Colonel, Robert C. Murphy; Lieutenant Colonel, Geo. W. Robbins; Quartermaster, Paschal M. Hovey. Col. Murphy, in his diplomatic career, has seen a good deal of military that will now be of use to him. Lieut. Colonel Robbins is a young man—28—but has had a military education in Mr. Russell's school at New Haven, Ct., and is endorsed by officers of the regular army.

The uniforms of the 7th have been delivered; those for the 8th are nearly ready. One thing about them which awakens local pride is the fact that they are a thoroughly home production, and are well made at prices that would be an envy to some other States.

The following is the copy of Secretary Cameron's dispatch to Gov. Randall, upon which, the same day it was received, Gov. R. issued his proclamation :—

WASHINGTON, August 20.

To Governor Randall:

You may organize and equip as rapidly as possible, five (5) regiments of infantry, and five (5) batteries of artillery, and procure for them necessary clothing and equipments, according to United States regulations and prices, subject to the inspection of United States officers. Expenses incurred will be refunded by the Government. If you need this authority in case, send us an order, and they shall be forwarded, and such other force as may be necessary. Please answer if this is understood and satisfactory. SIMON CAMERON,
Secretary of War.

Under this new call the German regiment at Milwaukee is designated the 9th, and is ordered into camp at once. Frederick Saloman of Manitowoc, Captain of a company in Col. Salomen's regiment (his brother's) in Missouri, is appointed Colonel.

The 1st, three months' volunteers, Col. Starkweather, were mustered out yesterday afternoon, and the re-enlistment for the war commenced on the spot. They will go into camp at Milwaukee.

THE ROCK RIVER RIFLES.

An independent regiment, with this designation, is being rendezvoused at Sterling, Ill., composed of three companies from Whiteside county, three from Ogle, two from Lee, and two from Carroll. The companies are nearly full, and the regiment has been accepted. Camp will be opened at Sterling, September 1st, R. N. Kirk of that place provisional Colonel.

MICHIGAN REGIMENTS.

The departure of Michigan troops for the east, under the late call, was expected to commence last evening with the 7th regiment, and others are to follow it with as little delay as possible. The 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and Col. Stockton's Independent regiment, are all nearly full, but will receive their equipments at Washington.

Col. Brodhead's cavalry numbers 100 men. It is receiving daily accessions. Orders have come from Washington to purchase the horses in Michigan, and not only for Brodhead's, but also for Col. McReynold's cavalry at New York city. Col. Backus, U. S. A., will immediately proceed to comply.

Chicago Dragoons—State Officers, Etc.

The little *Post* has an unhappy propensity to snarl at the TRIBUNE, which it has copied from its big neighbor, the *Journal*. In its lease of yesterday it pours out half a column of small beer wrath, charging us with falsely and maliciously assailing the State officers. Upon investigation we find the obnoxious paragraph to be the following leaded item, which appeared in our columns some days ago :

MUSTERED OUT.—The Chicago Dragoons, Capt. C. W. Barker, were yesterday paid off and mustered out of the U. S. service. The pay received by each private was $45 for four months' service, in scrip. No rations were allowed the men for the time they have been in the field since their arrival from Virginia. We learn that great dissatisfaction exists among the men because payment for their services was made in scrip instead of gold.

Now everybody can see that the State officers are not assailed in *this* paragraph; but in order to make out a case, the little *Post* assumes that the Dragoons were never technically in the service of the United States, but in the service of the State of Illinois, and hence we assailed somebody at Springfield. Good gracious!

The Union Defence Committee of New York.

The Union Defence Committee of New York make an interesting report of their doings up to the 1st of August, and as a result they present the following handsome figures : Add to twenty-six regiments of volunteers, for three months $932,494.63
Aid to ten regiments militia 157,836.07
Aid to Independent organizations 5,000.00
Purchase of arms, ammunition, baggage wagons and ambulances 236,899.97
Total $1,736,208.64
Appropriated to relief of families 152,000.00
Total amount of drafts $1,888,208.64
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Comptroller on the 31st July of $11,791.36

What Parson Brownlow Says.

The Washington *Republican* of Thursday publishes a private letter from Parson Brownlow, editor of the Knoxville (Tennessee) *Whig*, in which this passage occurs :

"An order has been made at Richmond to suppress the publication of the Knoxville *Whig*, but the notice has not been served on me yet. I have given them the devil in this day's paper, and I shall continue to say just what I please, until my office is closed or destroyed by brute force.

"They have about run me ashore in a pecuniary sense—broke up my business—while I hold all letters containing subscriptions; and thus I am driven to the wall with more subscribers on my list than the eight secession papers of East Tennessee all put together. But I will starve, or beg my bread of Union men, before I will surrender to this vile heresy of secession.

"With my best wishes, I am, &c.,
W. G. BROWNLOW.

The North Carolina Pirates.

Henry Knowles, master of the New London schooner Transit, captured off the North Carolina coast by the rebel steamer Winslow, June 22, has arrived home with his crew, coming all the way around by Liverpool. Notwithstanding a military passport, they were unable to leave Newbern, N. C., except as seamen on a vessel that run the "blockade," and arrived in England. they were sent home by the American Consul. Their passport and documents read thus :

JOHN W. ELLIS, Governor of North Carolina.

To all whom these presents may come.

The following persons captured on the schooner Transit, of Hatteras, on the 22d of June, 1861, viz: Henry Knowles, master, Connecticut; William Crain, mate, Connecticut; Martin Diarmid, seaman, Scotland, G. B.; Ferdinand Rohl, steward, Germany, have been discharged upon their parole not to serve against the Confederate States.

Free transit out of North Carolina from Newbern and thence North has been granted them, and it is hoped they may be suffered to pass without molestation.

By the Governor,
WARREN WINSLOW, Mil. Sec.

RALEIGH, June 26, 1861.

State of North Carolina, Newbern, Craven County, to wit:—This day, Henry Knowles, master, of Connecticut; William Crain, of Connecticut, mate, Martin Diarmid, of Scotland, G. B., seaman, and Ferdinand Rohl, of Germany, steward, late of the schooner Transit, of New London, Conn., which was captured by the steamer Winslow off Hatteras Inlet, on the 22d of June, 1861, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the peace of the town aforesaid, and in witness whereof have hereunto signed their names and severally made oath that they will not, by acts or agency, in any way serve in the war now being waged by the Government of the United States of North America or either of them.

Sworn under my hand, this 27th day of June, in the year 1861. SAMUEL R. STREET, J. P.

Henry Knowles, Martin Diarmid,
William Crain, Ferdinand Rohl.

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence, by each of the above named parties, this the 27th day of June, 1861.
SAMUEL R. STREET, J. P.

How Nearly the Rebels Were Whipped at Manassas.

The Augusta (Ga.) *Chronicle and Sentinel* of the 18th of August has a letter from McDowell's report, from which we quote :

McDowell makes no display in his report, but it is a plain detail of his movements, and it shows that he arranged and fought the battle as well as any of Lincoln's Generals, with the troops, could have done, not excepting Gen. Scott. *He managed it admirably to every respect, and was very nearly successful.* * * The columns of Hunter and Heintzelman passed on the Sun, crossed Bulley's Ford, and attempted to turn our left, which was the great Fairfax road, by the Union Mills ford, did attack as ordered, and did force our men down the Run, where they had to receive the cross-fire of Tyler's column; *and nothing but the production of Heaven, a change of Beauregard* (who directed Evans to the rear of the two fallen divisions, &c., but Tyler's movement by the cross-fire saved) and the unequalled heroic courage of a small number of our men, prevented the utter rout and ruin of the army. Beauregard never displayed more high military talent, and his presence of mind did more to preserve the day than any other of the Generals on the field.

FROM KENTUCKY.
Dodge of the Secessionists—They are Met and Defeated—Discharge of the Hon. T. A. R. Nelson—State Guard Concealing State Arms.

[Correspondence of N. Y. Tribune.]

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 16, 1861.

Foiled and driven back in all their attempts to place Kentucky in the hands of unfingered traitors and pirates, the K. G. C. have changed, by Jesuitical strategy, to place her, if possible, in sympathetic league with white-livered treason in the North, which has for its organs such calendars of falsehood and misrepresentation as *The N. Y. Day Book, The N. Y. News*, and *The Cincinnati Inquirer*. They desire to establish treason in sheep's clothing, with a lily-liver, a white flag, and the assassin's knife concealed in its sheath.

A call for a "Peace meeting" has been in the city papers for several days. In *The Courier* it was displayed thus :

PEACE MEETING.

The people of Louisville, without reference to past party distinctions, who are in favor of having

PEACE,

are requested to meet in the East Room of the Court House, on Saturday night, the 17th instant, at 8 o'clock.

PEACE PARTY.

The time has come to know who are for Peace and who for War!

Rally as Christian and rational men, as fearless leaders in

THE GREAT PEACE MOVEMENT,

to save your country from the further horrors of

CIVIL WAR,

not regarding the threats or cajolings of those

BLOODY SPIRITS

whose purpose is War only, at home and abroad.

RALLY NOW—RALLY!!

The Union men of Louisville combine the strength and cunning of serpents with the harmlessness of doves. So they repaired last night in great numbers to the rendezvous of peace, taking with them two or three neat little specimens of the Stripes and Stars on silk. The secessionists, with their white flag and black purpose, proceeded to Concert Hall, and were preceded in the Court House by those who desire the only peace which can endure. After speeches, the Union men left the Court House to the number of four, the choir of peace sang the Star Spangled Banner in admirable style, and the spacious hall rang with the shouts of rousing cheers, and the joyful clapping of hands. One of the speakers remarked, aptly, that those who were crying "Peace!" under a white flag in public, were wont to clasp their hands and sing peans to go to the glorious victory of the South at Bull Run." They would like to get the Union men aside in the gate, to speak with them quietly, and there smite them under the fifth rib. When the allies of Jeff Davis had retired to Concert Hall, a large portion of their crowd was composed of rebels from Tennessee and States further South, who would like to have the Federal Union dissolved by force-stickers, while they strike Liberty to the heart.

[The resolutions passed by the meeting have already appeared in our telegraphic columns.]

I learn from trustworthy sources that the Hon. T. A. R. Nelson has been arrested by the pirates at Richmond. They fear his further maltreatment might create an earthquake in Tennessee. You may rest assured that no feeling of tenderness toward a prostrate foe will regare for the rights of humanity, no decent respect for the opinions of mankind, no pity for the weakness of the helpless, deter Jefferson. They trembled for the scalp of their invincible freebooter, Zollicoffer. Parson Brownlow's *Whig* has not yet been suppressed, as was reported. The cowardice of treason, however, is all that prevents its suppression. Just so soon as Zollicoffer feels strong enough to do it, he will, in fealty of disloyalty will restrain him from crushing out the gallant Brownlow.

The traitor State Guard here have concealed a considerable lot of State arms in cellars of Secession houses, and it is believed they intend to convey them to the Tennessee rebels. It is not my impression, however, that the Union men will peaceably suffer the outrage to be perpetrated; and if they will but authentically show their bristies, the conspirator Maguffin will interfere to prevent a secession fray. The Governor loves the rebels dearly, and hates to see them suffer open disgrace. One box of the muskets was stopped by an inspector at the Nashville depot, and is now in possession of the United States Government.

The Insubordinate Troops.

Special Dispatch to the N. Y. Tribune.

CAMP DENNISON, Aug. 21, 1861.

Good influences from the State of New York are at work among the regiments disaffected by lawyers and Democratic politicians, in regard to their term of service. Unfortunately these influences were more necessary than the friends of the misguided troops dream of. Hey Tree is the ringleader in this. There is no lament of mutiny, and the painful necessity of shooting the criminals forced on the Government. The arm of the Government is long, too. It can reach any traitor against the army, whether they are in Buffalo or Maine.

MORE INSUBORDINANJON.

Just as the clemency of Government had been successfully invoked in behalf of the 21st Maine regiment, the men in the 19th, the fine Buffalo Regiment must, by an act of mischievous folly, make mercy to mutiny no longer possible. Last night 40 of the New-York 19th, stationed at Camp Kenyon, were taken to the yard, with an order from Gen. McDowell, accompanying the list of names, consigning them to the Dry Tortugas for labor on unhealthy works.

THE NEW STATE OF VIRGINIA.

The meaning of the determination of the Wheeling Convention to submit the question of forming a New State to the people of the State is that the people there are determined to go with the North in any event. If, by the end of October, the Legion and its allies are not triumphed as to render the subjugation of the South a certainty, they will vote to retain the old name and the boundaries of the Old Dominion—when the Legislature will stand ready to be one of the United States.

Pennsylvania News.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 21, 1861.

It appears that the alleged British ship Parkhill, which was condemned as a prize and then released by the order of Gen. Dix, was owned by Americans. Another alleged British vessel, the Herald, also sent here, discloses another swindle of the same kind. Lord Lyons demanded her release, which was made out and sent here, but in the interval the vessel arrived and went into the hands of our authorities. The matter is now pending with Mr. Seward, who again ordered her delivered to her British owners. But before the order reached here, our authorities had found out that the owners were Americans, and that when captured she was actually under orders to run the blockade of Charleston. On learning these facts, Mr. Dix revoked the original order to release, and directed the vessel to be held subject to the decision of our Prize Court.

Two fugitive chattles from Virginia went through here last week. They say all the progress now want is for our Government to arm them. Let such a fact be once generally known—the willingness of the Commanding General to receive, arm and drill them—and he can have a force of ten to fifteen thousand, more than Davis has or can ever muster. They are longing to be permitted to fight for freedom. They fully understand the nature of the contest going on. Many of them have an idea that Fremont's true mission is to liberate them, and his expulsion has a wonderful effect upon them. These two did not know exactly where he is, but they say that should he appear in Virginia, the blacks will flock to him in droves. What a power for good is concentrated in that man's name.

We cannot shut our eyes to the magnitude of the war preparations going on among us. There is an almost uninterrupted transit of formidable forces by railroad and water to Washington. Two of these gun-boats have been launched here, and they are not only beautiful, but very powerful vessels. At the Navy Yard there is to be set up, beside at the Arsenal. The order to hurry to Washington all portions of regiments has created a tremendous bustle, and will be met by the dispatch of thousands from this city, now. The new enlistment regulations operate admirably, mustering in proceeding immediately on enrollment, and then the drill, with no idling around taverns.

A friend from Lancaster informs me that Buchanan, the traitor, is in a pitiable condition, gradually shrinking from all society, and contemning power, while his mind is depressed under the overwhelming evidences of National execration which pour in upon him. He has no crony of importance to keep him company, either on his threshold nor home. His near townsmen stand aloof; his very neighbors turn their backs at a distance by their loathing. The mail comes charged with daily letters of contempt and detestation of his villainy. Outward, he has no comforter—inward, nothing but self condemnation. If ever man shall die lonely, unhonored and unsung, it will be this heavy old imposter.

The vigor shown in arresting Pierce Butler gives immense confidence, and will do much good. All yesterday there were crowds of men flocking to enlist, now that they are certain of active service. It is the most evident revival of martial spirit, if Government will only set them to work.

The Whereabouts of Iowa Troops.

The Second and Fourth Iowa Regiments are at Iropton, or other points on the Iron Mountain Railroad. The Third on the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, with headquarters at Brookfield; a portion of the regiment is said to be on the march to Old Colony, while the Fifth is at Keokuk, were on Monday. The Fifth are to remain part of their way to Lexington, in the western part of Missouri, while the Sixth Regiment is still at the Arsenal.

The First is at St. Louis, and expected here every day on their way home.—*Keokuk Gate City.*

Fire at New York—Loss $36,000.

A disastrous fire, by which five buildings were totally and nine partially destroyed, together with a hundred horses, and $60,000 worth of property lost, occurred last Wednesday morning in Delancey street, between Orchard and Ludlow, New York city, extending to the rear of the two fashionable streets. But Dye's movements by the circular (or dust) and the unequalled heroic courage of a small number of our men, prevented the utter rout and ruin of the army. Beauregard never displayed more high military talent, and his presence of mind did more to preserve the day than any other of the Generals on the field.

IMPORTANT FROM MEXICO.
Suspension of Diplomatic Relations by France and England—Ulterior Designs of the English and French Governments—A Scheme of Wrong and Insult—Friendliness of Mexico towards the United States.

[Correspondence of the N. Y. Times.]

CITY OF MEXICO, July 29, 1861.

The news of the *suspension of relations with this Government by the English and French Ministers*, which goes by this mail, will inform you of the gravity of the events which are occurring here, and which merit the immediate attention of the American people, unless we are willing to see Mexico pieced under the protectorate of England and France, and perhaps made a colony of the former Power.

This event is brought about by two causes: first, the opposition of the French Minister, and, under his influence, of the British Minister, to the cause of constitutional Government in this country; and, second, the belief entertained by the English and French Governments, or that was entertained, that the American Union was permanently dissolved and consequently its power gone, and the still more confident belief entertained that such was the case by these Ministers personally, which has led them to think that any step calculated to bring about an opportunity for European intervention here would be not only succeeded but warmly approved by their respective Governments, as was *the action in the Santo Domingo affair by that of Spain.*

M. Saligny, the French Minister, is a particular friend and admirer of Mr. Benjamin, of Louisiana, and is an open partisan of the South. Mr Charles Wyke has gone a little too much the same way, and is greatly under the influence of Saligny.

The *immediate* pretext of this rupture of relations is found in the refusal of Congress at this country to allow England and France, in the passage of a law by the *Congress* now in session here, *suspending* all payments on account of the debts of the Government for two years, in order that it may have the means to finish the reaction, restore the country to order and security, and then to reorganize the finances of country on a sound basis, lowering the tariff and introducing other reforms for which a majority of the people have given the Congress a mandate by the *Congress* now in session here, suspending all payments on account of the debts of the Government for two years, in order that it may have the means to finish the reaction, restore the country to order and security, and then to reorganize the finances of country on a sound basis, lowering the tariff and introducing other reforms for which a majority of the people have given the Congress a mandate by the elections. Which majority will be increased by the result of the pending elections.

While the assignment of upwards of 65 per cent of its revenue was made to the payment of interest, etc., on the foreign debt (and which assignment has been faithfully paid over during all the revolution), it was impossible to sustain the Government and make these reforms.

What makes it more evident that there is some ulterior design in this hasty and violent rupture on the part of France and England, is the fact that both of these Ministers here have admitted the necessity for this suspension, for a time, of payments, and *before it was passed*, only objected to the proposed manner of it; that is, that it was done by Congress without driving the previous bargain with them signed it. But the moment it is done, they hasten to put on it the grossest character; talk of the violation of solemn international compacts, and threaten that if Congress does not turn upon its own acts and repeal them at foreign dictation, they will withdraw their Ministers, and recall their Governments *to seize the ports of the country.*

It is demonstrated beyond any further question that the will of the people of this country is for a constitutional Government. Napoleon's doctrine of satisfied nationalities forces us that to attain that end a *constitutional* Government must be sustained, if *any*, in this country. Neither the English nor the French Minister wants such a Government here. Does not Europe, does not England think, in the supposed weakness of the United States, of setting up a Government in this country. Public feeling is strongly enough expressed on the subject to see that no such attempt succeeds. Future power of the United States, whether united, or of either part, if separated. These are grave inquiries. They should be laid before the American people, and our *Government* should not act without the *people* having information of what is going on.

The finances of the country improve but slowly. Every influence of the clergy, the moderados, the ambitious and the dissatisfied is put in requisition to prevent the action of the Constitutional Government; and the wonder is not that it accomplishes so little, but that it keeps on at all.

The principle of no more revolutions" has, however, gained great and lasting hold of the minds of the people in the respective States; that is the only stable style of country. All corrupt foreign influences, it is almost impossible for any just or well-intentioned government to stand.

Loans and no resources. The commerce of the country has become almost ruined by the long civil war, and has ceased to afford its usual revenue to the Government. There is not strength enough on the part of the Government to impose *direct* taxation; and the property of the clergy, which was nationalized, is now *dispersed*. This latter is not strange when we consider that the chief ideas of the authors of the nationalization was simply to rob the clergy of the power of the Church, even if the property was *given* away; and as the laws provided for its sale by the payment of 60 per cent in the depreciated paper of the foreign debt, (necessarily the former were received, and not the latter, as the one were at 7 and the other at 3), and 40 per cent, in *fee* by to original value, the object was fully attained, not only resolved what it could realize by the discount of these forty to eighty months' notes, which being worth, in the prevailing uncertainty of affairs, only 15 to 25 per cent on the dollar, it is easy to see that the actual amount realized by the Government has been very small, and so that Government is extremely poor.

Mexico can look for *aid* or protection only to the United States; and if England and France choose to take advantage of our supposed weakness to get a foothold here, *we must prevent it.* The feeling here, on the constitutional party, is very kind towards the North and Mr. Corwin is excellent. With *that* party and Government we can do anything. In power; with any other party it will be difficult; with the Church party it would be *impossible* to treat.

Gov. C. has nearly concluded a postal and an extradition treaty, and one also *regulating he pleases here with reference to the South.* By the steamer before this, was forwarded the proposition given by the Mexican Congress for the passage our troops from Guayaus to Arizona.

Respectfully yours, ——

[From the N. Y. Evening Post.]

A private letter from the city of Mexico dated July 29th, brings the intelligence of new disturbances in Mexican politics, characterized by even more than the usual sickening degree of atrocious barbarity. Which party are administrative charges in that unhappy country.

On Sunday, July 28, at Arroyo-Zarco, Cadereyta, a deputy in the pay of the general party, seized a distinguished citizen of the Paro, or Republican side, Don Melchoir Ocampo, and ordered him to be hanged by the neck in the most brutal manner, put him to every possible indignity. After detaining him in a dungeon for two days he handed him over to his soldiers, who, after having kept him in fact for two hours, shot him repeatedly until he was half killed, and then hung him up to die by lingering agonies.

The same day that Don Melchoir was captured, the clerical troops under General Galvez, seized another liberal, Senor Salcedo, but instead of killing him demanded from his friends 200,000 and three hundred rifles for his redemption. Just before the date of our intelligence this ransom had been paid, and Salcedano freed by the priestly brigands.

When the news of these outrages reached the city of Mexico, the whole public was aroused to frenzy. The printing offices of one of the clerical newspapers was mobbed and destroyed, and the people went *en masse* to President Juarez, clamoring for an immediate attack upon the clericals. General De Gollado, with 2,000 men and 7 rifle pieces was immediately sent in pursuit of Marquez and Galvez, the leaders of the clerical forces. While the latter's force was reconnoitering with a small party near the Lisance de Salazar, his party was entirely cut to pieces by Galvez, and De Gollado killed. General Valle followed in the same road, and after the utter demolition of his force was likewise slain.

Ortiga and Arteaga were still hotly pressing Marquez, who, with four thousand men, had retired on San Cristobal.

Chicago Tribune

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1861.

EDITORIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

There is no cause for surprise in this great convulsion by which the Republic is shaken to its foundations. The signs of the coming disaster, which all men now remember to have marked and misinterpreted, were abundant and as plain as the bow of promise in the heavens. The eternal truth—no less a truth because forgotten or misapplied—that effect forever has unalterable relation to cause, and that wrong doing, by nations as well as individuals, never fails to bring in its train the wrong doers reward, ought to have told, indeed did tell, the people that the calamity was impending; but they would not hear. The Republic has nursed a serpent in its bosom, deluding itself with belief that it would not bite. It has quaffed poison, with the notion that it would not kill. It has hugged corruption, hoping that it would destroy by contact. It has handled fire, and, like a child, believed it would not burn. It has disregarded the teachings of religion, humanity, political science and history, and with worse than infidel folly, has believed and boasted that it would escape the consequences of the act. Nemesis is snail-paced sometimes. In the affairs of nations where decades are as a day, the slow-coming avenger exhausts human patience and discourages hope; but in the appointed time it appears. All men see the truth now; chattering with fear they wonder that they did not see it before.

Yes, the world, for the hundredth time, has been instructed that Slavery is a destroyer. The nation has believed otherwise. Sodden with the material philosophy of the age, it has made money-getting and money-spending the chief end of man. Our politicians, save the faithful few, have taught that the buying and selling of men, women and children was the highest achievement of Democracy, and —of Christianity, say the blind teachers of orthodox Atheism, which denies God in his creatures. The halls of Congress and the political conventions have resounded with the axioms of despotism veiled under devotion to party; and the pulpit, where the acts of Congress and the doings of politicians should be measured by the standard of eternal truth, has re-echoed the slang of the hustings, and dressed up anew with tricky phrase and theological cant, the sophisms of dealers in flesh and blood. Meanwhile the outrages upon that law which governs human affairs—the law of right or wrong—the law of mine and thine—have been increasing with fourfold speed. The selling of men, the whipping of women, the dehumanization of children, the manifold wickednesses and nameless atrocities of that more than brutal system of Slavery—have gone on apace with the approbation of a consenting government and people. Remonstrance has been useless, and resistance in vain. The supplication to do no more than stay the spread of the evil, has been answered with loud bravado in which the wrath of Heaven was defied; and the proposition, here and there made by bold and fearless advocates of the truth, to abolish the system altogether—take the unfortunates of the doomed race "from under Mr. Lash and put them under Mr. Cash"—has been scoffed at as the maximum of irreligion—an instigation of the devil. And so the work of buying, selling, whipping, branding, burning went on. Four millions of men, women and children—a nation in numbers, with kindly instincts and acknowledged capabilities—were ruthlessly trampled in the dust. The North stifled conviction, repressed instinct, overbore its religion, played false to its political faith—in a word consented to the beastialization. The oppressors, despising the spirit that could make such sacrifices of manhood to Mammon, naturally grew insolent, and from lashing blacks aspired to lord it over whites. We have cultivated, manured, fostered in a hot-house, the noxious weed that budded in insolence and theft, and blossomed at last into treason and murder; and yet we wonder that rebellion distracts the land. But the eternal verities are manifest in the result. We have sown, and we must reap. We have consented to the stripes, the fetters, the coffle-gang and the auction block, and we must be scourged in turn, for God lives. Little weaklings cry out that the ways of Providence are inscrutable. The devotees of Money wonder why this thing should be. Blind patriots think the country is deserted of Heaven. But the philosopher sees beneath the depths. Down below this surface turmoil is that dead sea of injustice, reddened by the blood of millions. No excuses avail us now. The lies with which we have quieted conscience and secured self-approval, while our hands were stained with blood, have disappeared. The notion that we were Christianizing the blacks and advancing civilization, is disrobed, and we stand face to face with the consequences of the National Crime. The rain falls on the just and the unjust. Every man has the Nemesis—the skeleton in the closet—in his own home.

"As we sow, so we reap," is as true now as when we incurred the penalty that is visited upon us. As we carry ourselves in this crisis, so shall be the result. We may compromise and die. Let us obey the law of God and live!

WHEN SHALL THERE BE A COMMISSARY GENERAL?

The army is virtually without a Commissary General. Gen. Clinch, who fills that important office, is a confirmed invalid, and has been suffering for the last two years from some chronic malady which wholly disables him from attending to the duties. Col. Taylor, the Assistant Commissary General, is old, feeble and therefore incapable. The army, therefore, is virtually *without a Commissary General.*

It is difficult to imagine any valid reason why the feeble valetudinarian at the head of the Commissary Department should not long ago have been retired and a capable and thoroughly efficient officer have been appointed in his place. In the great mass of duties which devolve on the War Department in raising and organizing the large army now called for, some things must escape attention or be indifferently done, from the sheer inability of any one man to give his personal attention to so great a variety of matters as come under the superintendence of the Department. But we should naturally expect that the oversights and short comings would be in matters of minor consequence. We should hardly have conceived it possible that what is, next to the chief command, the most important office in the army, should be filled in a time like this by a person physically and mentally incompetent. This office stands out in bold relief, and cannot be overlooked. On it more than any other depend the health, comfort, cheerfulness and efficiency of the soldiers. Through it are made the greater part of the disbursements which constitute the chief expense of keeping an army in the field. It requires a man of integrity, first-rate executive capacity and indefatigable activity. The neglect to fill the place with somebody more efficient than the invalid who now holds it, is next to the crime of treason.

The ample powers with which the President is clothed by recent acts of Congress, take away all excuse, if any existed before, for not placing a man of weight of character and a high order of executive ability, in charge of the commissariat.—*N. Y. World, 20th.*

It is not the Commissary Department alone that is afflicted with senility, and imbecility caused by great age and bad health. The whole military system at Washington is weighed down with fossil relics of the last century. The disgraceful defeat of our army at Bull Run can be traced directly to the incompetency of the military bureaus at the capital. The Commander-in-Chief is really but one of many heads of the army. If the others are incapable, his efficiency will, in a great measure be neutralized. The management of our military affairs, has passed mainly into the hands of men whose greatest merit consists in having outlived their competitors. They are indebted not to pre-eminent talent, but to tenacity of life for the high positions which they encumber. This is the penalty paid for the adoption of the fatal system of promotion by seniority.

Congress passed an act at its late session authorizing the President to appoint an Examining Board, whose duty it is to retire on pensions, the officers of the Army and Navy who are too aged or infirm to perform active service. The Examining Board selected consists mainly of octogenarians, and we apprehend that the object of Congress will be defeated and the service will be relieved of nothing that can hobble on crutches or sit in an easy chair. "Few die and none resign."

The rebellion which we seek to put down, is guided and governed by young and vigorous men. The rebel chiefs are in the prime of manhood. They are neither boys nor octogenarians, but possess the ardor and and activity of youth, tempered by the prudence and experience of middle age.

How can we expect with hopes of success, to encounter these robust and daring leaders, until we pit against them, men of equal youth, vigor, and elasticity. Gen. Scott who has been an extraordinary man in his day, has gracefully yielded the management of the Grand Army of the East to the hands of his talented pupil, Gen. McClellan, and contents himself with giving the latter the benefit of his counsel and ripe experience. It would be well for the country if several other chiefs of the military administration, who have so protest on the score of former greatness for "lagging superfluous on the stage," would follow the example of the illustrious veteran, and permit younger and fresher men to discharge the arduous duties of their respective departments.

The public peril is too great, and the matter at stake too momentous to permit individuals to stand in the way of the National good and Public safety. The working, executive period of human life terminates at three score and ten. The faculties of many men fail at sixty. A very few retain their mental and physical vigor in considerable perfection till seventy. But after that, little ought to be expected or exacted from them in the way of labor.

At the risk of frightening our loyal readers, we will state the ages of those who are now responsible for the military administration of the Nation, below the President and Secretary of War, neither of whom professes to be a military man:

Lieutenant General of the whole army, Gen. Scott, aged 76, or as some authorities assert 79; but who has relinquished the performance of the duties of his high office to Gen. McClellan, who is at the prime, working, acting age of 36.

Adjutant General, Lorenzo Thomas, 66 years.

Inspector General, Sylvester Churchill, 75 years.

Commisary Gen. Geo. Gibson, 86 years, long a confirmed invalid, holding the most important post in the army.

Assistant Commissary General, Colonel Taylor, 71 years, feeble and sickly, and therefore incapable.

Surgeon General, C. A. Finley, 75 years, frail and infirm.

Paymaster-General, Benjamin T. Larned, 70 years.

Chief of Engineer Corps, Joseph G. Totten, 80 years. The fatal deficiency of artillery in battle, is easily accounted for.

Chief of Topographical Engineers, Sylvanus Thayer, 78-years. Efficiency and activity can hardly be expected in that Department.

Ordinance Department, Henry K. Craig, 76 years. A very important office it is, and one requiring a hale, active man to fill it.

Chief of Ordnance (cannon), James W. Ripley, 70 years.

Most of the head clerks and assistants in the various bureaus, belong to the carbuncle tribe, and have little else than immense age and red-tape habits to recommend them to public confidence. They have held their offices since Washington was burned by the British, and expect to retain them until it is burned by the rebels.

These antediluvian remains must be retired and deposited elsewhere, and their places filled with *live* men of this century, if the country would witness a vigorous, efficient and satisfactory prosecution of the war.

A HARD CASE.

Intelligent persons must see how hopeless is the task of holding a discussion with the *Illinois State Register*, when that journal perpetrates such monstrous buffoonery as this;

[From the State Register, 22d.]

Says the Chicago TRIBUNE, speaking of Secretary CAMERON:

"The whole people distrust his ability to manage his department with either honor to himself, credit to the country, or justice to the cause. The issue of him is no general among Republicans as Democrats, and so far as we know, there is in the whole Republican party no desire that the President in the premises. He should be removed."

We venture to copy the above, endorsing it to the letter. *For uttering similar opinions in regard to the Administration, or some member of the Government, the* TRIBUNE *derides the suppression of Democratic papers.*

And again:

[From the State Register, 19th.]

The TRIBUNE is now making the November election in Illinois turn upon "local issues," but if Democrats insist that in such elections they will vote for Democrats, it threatens that something terrible will be done. It gives "fair notice, that if any party, *respectable in numbers, insist upon slavery in New Mexico*, we (it) will be ready to meet them." In this the TRIBUNE assumes the Democracy of Illinois have hitherto so advocated.

The fact is, we never said anything of the sort attributed to us in either paragraph, and the *Register* knows it. We did say that the open advocates of treason in the North, naming the New York *News*, *Day Book*, *Journal of Commerce*, and one or two others, ought to be suppressed. If the *State Register* claims them as "Democratic papers," very well. We supposed that Democracy in the North was made of different stuff, and we think so still, despite the *Register*.

We did say also that "if any party, re "spectable in point of numbers, insist upon *conducting the canvass on the issue of* "slavery in New Mexico, we shall be ready "to meet them." The words in *italics* were omitted in the *Register's* quotation, and we judge purposely so. The difference in sentiment is apparent to everybody. The *Register* is a hard case. We ought to have known it before, but we supposed that the occasion for such misrepresentation and meanness had gone by. We shall probably not make the same mistake again.

WILSON'S CREEK AND BUENA VISTA.

The Missouri division of the rebel force under McCulloch, is represented by rebel writers as having behaved badly at Wilson's Creek. It fought well enough for an hour or two, but suffering heavily, became panic stricken, broke and fled in confusion, and could not be stopped or brought back during the day. McCulloch speaks contemptuously of the Missouri rebel corps; but it does not appear to have fled until it was well punished. The official report of Gen. Price, who commanded the Missouri column, states the number of men under him at 5,221, of which 156 were killed and 517 wounded. To this should be added 70 taken prisoners making his loss 743 men,—a number only 300 short of the loss sustained by Gen. LYON'S force in its encounter with the whole rebel army of 22,000 troops.

This battle completely upsets the gasconade heard so often that one Southerner can whip two Northerners. McCulloch's force exceeded that of Santa ANNA'S at Buena Vista, while Gen. LYON'S army was scarcely equal to Gen. Taylor's in numbers and was inferior to it in artillery. The loss inflicted on the rebels was greater than that suffered by the Mexicans, while LYON'S was about the same as Taylor's loss. Had Gen. Taylor been killed during the battle, there is little question but his army would have retreated right after the engagement. In drawing a comparison between the battles of Buena Vista and Wilson's Creek, it must be borne in mind that the rebels had the choice of positions. They selected their own grounds. LYON with 5,000 was obliged to attack 22,000. In the other battle, Gen. Taylor chose his own battle field and pitched upon one most admirably adapted for defense. He could not be out-flanked, and the Mexican cavalry could, with great difficulty reach him in front. The rebels fought with the *prestige* of the Bull Run victory, and the Nationals under the depressing influences of that grievous disaster. The fight was a fair, open, stand-up contest of one "Federal" against four rebels, and when the battle ceased, the little army was in possession of the field and the big one had fallen back. It was a clear triumph on the part of Gen. Lyon's men. The subsequent night retreat, without pursuit by the enemy, does not change the fact that McCulloch's army was whipped in the encounter, and so the historian will record it.

Release of Hon. T. A. R. Nelson.

The Louisville *Courier* says the following telegram was received at Knoxville, Tenn., by Dr J. G. M. Ramsey from Jeff. Davis:

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 23.

Dr J. G. M. Ramsey, Knoxville:

Yours received. Mr. Nelson has acknowledged his obligation, as a citizen of the State of Tennessee, to submit to her late decision; and upon his promise to act hereafter in accordance therewith, I have ordered his release. JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The Richmond *Whig* of the 14th inst., also says:

We are gratified to hear that this gentleman, (Mr. Nelson,) having given satisfactory pledges to the authorities respecting his future conduct, has been released, and will return home and deport himself as a good citizen.

The Washington *Republican*, on the other hand, says Mr. Nelson is not discharged, but is still confined, and will be tried for treason to his State. We suppose, however, Jeff. Davis and the Richmond *Whig* know best, and it is therefore safe to say that Mr. Nelson has been discharged, and on the terms named. Mr. Nelson, we believe, was elected to the Rebel Congress as well as to the National, and if he has transferred his allegiance as stated, will doubtless claim his seat in that interesting body.

Lower Maryland.

The rumors of an intended invasion of Lower Maryland by the rebels have turned attention to the state of affairs in that region, and while it is known that a decided majority of the population are traitors at heart, it is believed that they are too fearful of a confiscation of their slave property to take any open stand. The *National Republican* asserts that a rising of the negroes is much more probable than a rising of the secessionists. It is said, however, that many of Marshal Kane's police officers are continually visiting St. Mary's and Charles counties, as well as those on the Eastern Shore, and always seem to have important business with the leading secessionists. They are evidently brewing some mischief, but the vicinity will soon be carefully looked after by the United States troops.

The Fire Zouaves.

Steps have been taken for the reorganization of the Ellsworth Zouaves of New York. The men have been paid off, and begin to feel in better spirits. The Regimental Paymaster paid the wounded and those who had been absent on furlough; also the representatives of those who had been killed in the late engagements. Several who had left the regiment without being able at the time to receive their Captain's certificate of disability, were also paid.

At a regimental muster on Wednesday 513 men answered to their names. The regiment took up its line of march for Staten Island and went into camp, where it will stay until recruited and reorganized. About 125 of the "absent" members are expected to come in and join the ranks, making 687 in all of the 750 who returned from the battle. The rest are deserters. It is believed that the Zouaves will be ready to return to Washington in a week or fortnight, when their ranks will be again full. The firemen of New York are deeply mortified at the conduct of their comrades and are resolved to have the disgrace wiped out by future good conduct and hard fighting.

MILITARY SUPERINTENDENCE OF OUR NATIONAL ARMORY.—The act of the last Congress "to promote the efficiency of the engineer and topographical engineer corps," provided, among other things, for a change in the superintendence of our national armories from civil to military. The fact seems only to have just been discovered, at the Springfield (Mass.) Armory, by the late war Capt. Alcock, and B. Dyer to take command there in place of Mr. Geo. Dwight, the lately appointed civil superintendent. The people of Springfield, among whom Mr. Dwight is deservedly popular, are quite astonished and not apparently not less indignant. They attribute the change to some secret maneuvering of Gen Ripley of the Ordnance Department, who was, it will be remembered, the military superintendent at Springfield up to 1853, when the change was made after a fight that will ever be memorable in the local annals. It has been the endeavor of the Ordnance Bureau has made many unsuccessful efforts to restore the old order of things; and now that the attempt has succeeded, it is quite a coincidence that the gentleman to be affected by it (Mr. Dwight), was, with his friends, among the staunchest supporters of General Ripley in the controversy of '53, and the most zealous advocate then of a military superintendence. Capt. Dyer is a Virginian born, but was appointed to the army from Missouri in 1847, and, by the way, is not West Point, has since been an officer of ordnance.

THE NEW GUNBOATS.—The gunboats building in Maine are to be named the Katahdin, the Aroostook, the Penobscot, the Kennebec, and the Kineo. Those in Massachusetts are to be called the Agawam, the Sagamore, the Chicopee, and the Huron. In Connecticut, the Owasco, Kanawha, and Cayuga. In *New York*, the Unadilla, the Ottawa, the Pembina, the Seneca Lake, Chippewa, and the Winona. In Pennsylvania, the Itasca, the Seioto, and the Wissahickon. In Delaware, the Iahoma. At Baltimore, the Pinola.

☞ Col. Robert S. Winslow, of Princeton Bureau county, Ill., is ordered to report his command for the war on the 10th of September. He has now nine companies, and wants a few more men to make his full complement. Col. Winslow has had considerable military experience, he having served as Colonel of one of the best regiments in New York City for some years. He intends to have a company of cavalry and a complete battery of artillery attached to his regiment.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SOLDIER FOR HIS ARMS.—By an order of the War Department, every soldier who loses his gun, whether in cowardly throwing it away on the field of battle, or through neglect, is to have twelve dollars, the price of the gun, deducted from his pay. The severe enforcement of this rule is advisable, and will prove to the men that they are responsible for the arms confided to their care by the government.

MORE SWINDLING.—We are informed by one of Col. J. B. Wyman's command that the tents furnished to that regiment are of hardly any use at all—that they are not made of ordinary tent material, and that in every rain the water comes through them with little hindrance. Who furnished these tents? Let the swindler and the officer who inspected the tents be brought up with a short jerk. We want no more half-way work in this war business.

MR. FAULKNER'S FAMILY.—It is stated that a son of ex Minister Faulkner, aged 17 years, fought in the rebel ranks at Bull Run. It will be remembered that Mrs. Faulkner, the wife of the ex-Minister, was charged with conveying information of the movements of Gen. Patterson's army to the rebels, when our forces were encamped near her residence!

SHOOTING AFFAIR.—A shooting affair took place between A. H. Bullock and Joseph Eyes, at Arcola, Douglas county, on Tuesday morning last, which resulted in the instant death of Eyes. The latter had accused Bullock with living disreputably with a woman, which led to the affray. Bullock has been arrested and committed.

ARMY WAGONS.—Taylor, Butterworth & Co. of Aurora, in this State, have entered into a contract with Quartermaster-General Meigs, of Washington, for the manufacture of 200 army wagons. Negotiations are in progress between the same parties for the manufacture of 1,000 additional wagons.

FIRE AT GIRARD.—The store of Mr. Burton, the store of Mr. Stevensen, the shoe store belonging to Mr. Corrington, and three other buildings, were entirely destroyed by fire, at Girard, Macoupin County, on Thursday night week. Mr. Burton's loss was about $3,500. His store was probably robbed and then set on fire.

☞ A company of seventy-five able bodied loyal men, supposed not to belong to the first families and having no direct claims upon the chivalry, has been raised in Morgan county, Virginia, and on the 8th instant they left their homes to join ex-Governor Thomas' Union brigade in Frederick, Maryland.

NEW MEXICO.—Hon. John S. Watts, formerly of Indiana, and Hon. Diego Archuleta, formerly a member of the Mexican Congress, and a man of unquestioned ability, are candidates for Delegate to Congress from New Mexico. The chances of success are said to be in favor of Mr. Watts.

A NEW MICHIGAN CAVALRY REGIMENT.—A letter from Washington says that the Hon. P. W. Kellogg, the able Republican member from the Michigan Fourth Congressional District, has authority from the War Department to raise an additional cavalry regiment in Michigan.

THE IRON MOUNTAINS.

[Special Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

IRONTON, MO., Aug. 21, 1861.

The war is now the all-absorbing topic of public interest. But the mind tires when constantly devoted to one subject, and hence a portion at least of the readers of the TRIBUNE will be interested in the absence just now of important war movements here, in some facts in regard to the mineral developments of this wonderful region. For many years we have heard and read of the Iron mountains of Missouri, but now our eyes have seen them, and all the ideas we had formed of the extent and the richness of the mineral treasures deposited here were far beneath the reality. We give in detail a few facts as we have been able to collect them from various sources since our arrival here last Saturday morning.

There are three iron mountains in this vicinity, literally such, viz: Pilot Knob, at the terminus of the Iron Mountain Railroad, Shepherd's Mountain, less than a mile directly opposite, and Iron Mountain, six miles north on the line of the railway. The surrounding valleys are about a thousand feet above St. Louis, and these, with almost an endless number of mountains from three to a dozen miles around them have been thrown up a few hundred feet above the general level of the country. The top of Pilot Knob is 576 feet above Arcadia Valley, which separates it from Shepherd's Mountain. Shepherd's Mountain is a few feet the higher of the two. The top of Pilot Knob is composed of immense masses of solid rock, one of the principal ingredients of which is iron, and being far above the trees it affords a most splendid view of the surrounding country. That alone will well repay a visit, while the original facts to be here observed make it a most instructive place to the student and the man of science.

On Saturday afternoon, in company with a citizen of Ironton, we spent several hours in examining the works of the Ironton Company, at the base of the Knob; in exploring the vein that is worked three hundred feet up the side of the mountain, and in enjoying the magnificent views from its summit. Two furnaces are situated on the north side of the Knob, only one of which is now in operation, making about twenty tons of iron per day. The ore is brought down from the mine, those hundred feet above on a railway, the empty car being drawn up by the loaded one in descending, and their speed being regulated by breaks upon a large drum around which the wire cable passes. So far as we observed, the rocks of the entire mountain are composed largely of iron; but the vein that is worked is some twelve to twenty feet thick, and though workmen have been vigorously engaged upon it a dozen years or more, very little impression seems to have been made upon it. The ore is a deep blue specular variety, very finely granulated, and so hard that it wears the drills very rapidly in boring it. It makes the very best of iron. The ore from Shepherd's Mountain is magnetic, some of the specimens being very highly polarized. It makes a softer and even a more tenacious iron than the ore from Pilot Knob. Both these varieties are found together—they have no superior. We believe the Lake Superior and the very best Swedish iron can alone approach and perhaps claim an equality. The magnetic ore of Shepherd's Mountain yields 70 per cent. of iron. Prof. Swallow estimates the amount of iron in Pilot Knob alone at 13,000,000 tons above the surface, and the capacity of Pilot Knob, Iron and Shepherd's Mountains, and the adjoining hills to be fully 1,000,000 tons of manufactured iron annually, for a hundred years. What fully, then, to be sending abroad and draining the riches of the nation for iron to build our railways and for other uses, when Providence has for these very purposes stored up such vast quantities of the best iron that can be found anywhere upon the globe. Here is iron enough to build Pacific railroads, all ways, and supply all the wants of the nation for indefinite ages. This is certainly a most wonderful region. To the geologist and the man of science, a residence of a week here is worth a journey across the Atlantic.

But the iron treasures form only a portion of the riches of this region. Copper is also occurring in Madison, the county southeast of Iron, and passing round through St. Francis to Washington county, which is one of the richest and most extensive lead districts in the country. It is said to be only equaled by the Galena district in our own and the adjoining States. Lead mines have also been wrought for more than a century, having been discovered by the early French settlers of Ste. Genevieve, on the Mississippi. Nor is this all, for copper exists in large quantities, and manganese, cobalt, nickel, tin and silver have also been discovered in this rich mineral region. It is believed that some of them will be found in large quantities and in positions where it will pay handsomely to work them. As the geologist would expect where so many varieties of oxides combine to color the adjacent rocks, the most beautiful marbles are found in several localities in this region. Specimens quarried from of them have been used in the ornamental work of the capitol at Washington. They will in a few years be a source of great wealth to the State of Missouri.

This magnificent mineral region with that in south western Missouri afford the most unsolicited inducements to enterprising men from all generations to be one of the most populous and wealthy States upon the American continent. Those who have been traitors to possess it. Nor are her mineral resources, wonderful as they are, her only reliance for future greatness; for both the climate and the soil in Southern Missouri make it one of the best fruit and wine producing regions upon the continent, while, for agricultural purposes, the valley of the Mississippi from Missouri north of it are not excelled in the valley of the Mississippi. Remove slavery from the State, and Missouri would in fact what she is so wickedly forced upon the country by the slave power, be settled; and our confidence also in the future greatness of St. Louis has been strengthened largely by the fact that this vast mineral district, brought by the Iron Mountain Railroad to her very doors. She already has reached far up the Mississippi, and a river, but a short worthy of a place beside Chicago, the commercial centre of the Northwest, regaining in quiet dignity upon the southern shore of Lake Michigan.

Alas, this fratricidal war is upon us, far from the summit of Pilot Knob the tents of six thousand rebels are visible, and the valley around us. A detachment is at work putting in place a fierce looking columbiad directly at the base of the mountain, that will deal death and destruction to all traitors that may venture within its range. But look! a thousand of three brave men, having rested from the fight's journey upon the cars, are converging to a position in the street of the little village at our feet. It is the Iowa Second. Now they are in line, and with bayonets gleaming in the evening sunlight, they march for half an hour through the narrow valley below us. Martial music thrills the soul as it rolls up the sides of the surrounding hills, filling the mind with all the deepest emotions of glorious war. But chilling sadness comes over us when we think how many homes are made cheerless by the absence and the dangers to which these noble men are exposed. God's hand is in it, and that He will overrule all its horrors and its results so as to promote the best interests of our race, is a reflection that should nerve the arm of every patriot, and in the darkest hours afford him solace and assurance of a final and a glorious triumph.

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FROM CAIRO.

The Fight at Charleston.

[Special Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

CAIRO, August 21, 1861.

It has been known for three or four days past, that a considerable rebel force was encamped at Charleston, thirteen miles east on the Cairo and Fulton railway; and on Monday evening Col. Dougherty, of the 22nd Illinois regiment, received orders to detail 600 men of his command, and, with a detachment of Captain Noleman's Centralia Cavalry, proceed to that place and capture and disperse them.

Accordingly, the following detail was made: Company A, Capt. Johnson; Company B, Lieut. Clipp commanding; Company C, Capt. Sterling; Company D, Capt. Hubbard; Company E, Capt. McAdams; and Company G, Capt. Jackson—about fifty men from each company—the whole force numbering 270. At the request of Colonel Dougherty, Lieut. Colonel Bannom of the 11th accompanied the expedition.

The command went aboard the cars of the Cairo and Fulton railway at seven o'clock, and in an hour's time were at the trussle work, three miles this side of Charleston. In the meantime, Captain Noleman's Cavalry—fifty strong—had started by the road for a place of rendezvous, two or three miles from the village. Signal had been agreed upon between Col. Dougherty and Capt. Noleman, but, as will be seen, unfortunately the two commands failed to connect, and, as a consequence, Capt. Noleman was not in at the first and most important fight.

Col. Dougherty's men landed at the bridge and by a forced march, at 9 o'clock were within a mile and a half of Charleston. Here Col. Dougherty detached Companies A and B and with Col. Ransom pushed off to the left, for the purpose of passing the Madrid road south of the town, and surprising the rebels by an entrance from that direction. Lieut. Col. Hart of the 22d, in command of the remainder of the force, was, in the mean time, to march directly against the place by the railroad. It was expected by these two movements to completely surprise the rebels and make a handsome lot of prisoners.

Col. Dougherty, by a rapid march, was soon on the Madrid road and hastily pushing ahead for the town. Not more than a hundred yards from the place of entering that road, however, they were fired upon by the rebel pickets, who upon delivering their fire, turned and fled for their camp. The Federals paid no attention to the fire, but went steadily on to the edge of the town, where the remainder of the force, in the mean time, to march directly against the place by the railroad. It was expected by these two movements to completely surprise the rebels and make a handsome lot of prisoners.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1861.

THE CITY.

☞ The Letter List will be found on the first page.

ATLANTIC HOUSE, SOUTH BRANCH.—Walsh, corner of Madison street and Custom House Place, has received the goodwill and fixtures for the House, and will open it for business on Monday, September 2.

HUMAN THRIVEN.—Two well known young men of this sneak pea-nadder were arrested yesterday, and are now in the look-up awaiting examination.

☞ Jewett & Co. sell by catalogue at 10 o'clock, at their salesroom, 51 Dearborn street, 200 barrels liquors, 300 boxes soap, and 500 packages general groceries.

BOARD OF CLAIMS.—The Board appointed by the last State Legislature to investigate all claims against the city, was in session yesterday at the Supervisor's Room, in the Court House.

ROBBERY.—Capt. B. F. Bruce of the schooner A. C. Raynor, was robbed Thursday night while on board his vessel, of nearly $100 in Canadian funds. The thief has not been apprehended.

WOMAN KILLED IN DENVER.—Caddie Decker wife of Mr. Francis Reynolds, formerly of this city, was recently murdered by her husband at Denver City. Her friends reside in Chicago.

POLICE.—Fifteen bifurcated loafers of the male and female persuasion, paid fines at the police Court yesterday, amounting in the aggregate to near $50, for the not uncommon offences of drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

SEARCH WARRANT.—A countryman named Archibald Earl applied at the Police Court yesterday, for a warrant to search some of the hamlets on Buffalo street, for a sucking pig stolen from his wagon. Hope he may find it.

NEW COUNTERFEIT.—A concerted attempt was made on Thursday and Friday evenings to pass new counterfeit two's on the High St. Bank, Providence, R. I., upon several merchants in the West Division. No arrest has been made.

DISHONEST SOLDIER.—Thomas Edwards, a member of the Tremont Rifle regiment, picked the pocket of an intoxicated old man, and took therefrom a pocket knife and seventy-five cents in silver. He was delivered to a sergeant upon the order of the Superintendent.

LARGE PURCHASE.—P. B. Morgan, Government Agent, on Thursday and Friday, purchases one hundred and thirty horses for the army, at prices ranging from $75 to $90. The whole number purchased by him is not far from two hundred and fifty.

THE NORTH SIDE WITHOUT GAS.—A serious leak having been discovered in the main pipe crossing the river, the gas will be shut off on the North Side on Saturday and Sunday nights. The Gas Company will use every exertion to make the connection in some other way, speedily and effectually.

LAFAYETTE RIFLES.—In our issue of the 22d inst., the Lafayette Rifles of the Fremont Rifle Regiment were reported as not having chosen 1st and 2d Lieutenants. We are informed by Capt. C. P. Dickinson that this is a mistake. Their names are as follows: 1st Lieut., C. P. Jackson; 2d Lieut., F. A. Jones.

GENEROUS.—The proprietor of "The Panorama of the War," now on exhibition at Bryan Hall, generously gave an exhibition, last evening for the benefit of the "Home of the Friendless." A large and appreciative audience were present, and the exhausted treasury of this noble charity was replenished.

RECRUITS COMING.—We learn from the St. Paul *Press* of the 21st inst., that Lieut. Hosea of the 16th Infantry, left that morning for this city, with a detachment of recruits for his regiment, now encamped at Desplaines Station. Lieut. Bartholomew, of the 16th, is left in charge of the recruiting station at St. Paul.

GONE INTO CAMP.—Four Companies belonging to the Yates Phalanx, received their tents, and went into camp last evening. Their encampment is located on Indiana Avenue, South side, directly back of Myrick's cattle yard. This regiment is supplied with the Sibley Tent. The balance of the Phalanx will go into camp early next week.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Alderman S. G. Meyers of the 4th Ward, has commenced the erection of a block of stores on the vacant lot owned by him, on the south side of Madison street, near the bridge. The building is to be first class, four stories above the basement, iron front, with stone window caps and sills. The building is 44 by 91 feet, and will be an ornament for that locality. The estimated cost is $8,000 to $10,000.

LONDON ART JOURNAL.—Virtue & Co., 117 South Clark street, have received this August number. It contains three beautiful engravings, viz: "The Cottage Home," from the picture in the Queen's possession; "The Arch of Titus, Rome," one of Lauretta's; and "Eric," from a fine piece of sculpture by W. P. Doherty. These, with the usual unsurpassed wood cuts, make it a very valuable number.

POST OFFICE MATTERS.—The change in the postage *stamps* and stamped envelopes in use has thrown a large amount of labor on the Post Office in this city which for the past two weeks, as is well indicated by the fact that there have been, within that time, 130,000 stamps, one cent and three cent, disposed of chiefly by exchange for the old varieties now disused. Nearly fifty thousand stamped envelopes have been disposed of in the same period. The exchange of old style stamps will be continued until the 28th inst., after which they will be worthless.

RECRUITING FOR THE NAVY.—We learn from Capt. Dockray of the Naval Rendezvous, River street, that enlistments in that branch of the service are very spirited. Thirty men were sent to New York on Saturday last, and forty-eight yesterday. He speaks in terms of admiration of the men, and says he has seen no finer sailors than these. Another draft will be forwarded by the first boat of the People's Line leaving this port. Sailors! enlist for the integrity of that flag which has floated so bravely over you, and never allow a star to be blotted from its fair folds so long as a tar is left to defend it.

☞ The Atlantic, Harper, Knickerbocker, Godey and Peterson for September; Cornhill, Temple Bar, Eclectic and Blackwood magazines for August, and a fresh supply of Russell's letters to the London *Times*, giving pictures of social, political and military life in the South, have been received by McNally & Co., 81 Dearborn street. Also a new publication entitled "The Southern Rebellion and the War for the Union," intended to be a correct history of the rise and progress of the rebellion, and consecutive narratives of events and incidents from the first stages of the treason against the Republic down to the close of the conflict, together with important documents, extracts from remarkable speeches, &c.

THE MUSICAL UNION EXCURSION.—The fine steamer Sea-Bird, with her flags fluttering in the breeze, and moving gaily to the music of that grand old anthem, the "Star Spangled Banner," left her dock about 8 o'clock last evening, laden with a gay company of beautiful women and brave men for a moonlight excursion upon the placid waters of Lake Michigan. What witty and brilliant speeches were made—how gayly danced the happy company—how sweetly the music sounded over the waters—the reporter saith not, for he was miles away. But it requires no great drain upon his imaginative resources, and the result will prove that he judges correctly, when he says that the excursion was a success, and the occasion of unalloyed enjoyment on the part of the participants.

☞ The *Atlantic* for September has the following table of contents: "The Shakespeare Mystery," by Richard Grant White; "The Bath," a poem, by Bayard Taylor; "Saccharissa Molassys," by Theodore Winthrop: "My Odd Adventure with Junius Brutus Booth," anonymous; "My Out-door study," by T. W. Higginson; "A Sermon in a Stone," an anonymous poem; "The Tenth Chapter of Mrs. Bloss's Agnes of Sorrento;" "The Aquarium," anonymous; "The Young Repealer," by Harriet Martineau; "Bread and the Newspaper," by Oliver Wendell Holmes; "Under the Closed and through the Sea," an anonymous poem; "Journal of a Privateersman," anonymous; "The Advantages of Defeat," by C. C. Norton; "Ode to Happiness," by James Russell Lowell; "An Obituary to Elizabeth Barrett Browning;" and the usual Literary Notices, including articles on Bryant's Library of Poetry and Song, Bartlett's Dictionary of Americanisms, Hamilton's Parliamentary Practice, Mrs. Kirkland's New Home, Mrs. Stowe's Dred, Mrs. Kirkland's Forest Keepers, Mrs. Whitney's Hitherto, Mrs. Ellet's Women of the American Revolution, Mrs. Ellet's Women of the War, Mrs. Whitney's Sights and Insights, Mrs. Whitney's Real Folks, Mrs. Whitney's Boys at Chequasset, Mrs. Whitney's Gayworthys, Mrs. Whitney's Leslie Goldthwaite, Mrs. Whitney's Faith Gartney's Girlhood